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Subject: Summary of conference call regarding CFAC

Here is a brief summary of the conference call with Senator Tester's staff regarding the Columbia Falls Aluminum Site. Let me know if I didn't capture something correctly.

4/5/13 at 10:45am

EPA Attendees

Joe Vranka
Sandy Fells
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Joyce Ackerman
Rob Parker
Martin Hestmark
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Senator Tester Staffers

Dylan Laslovich (DC)
Virginia Sloan (Kalispell)

Discussion Topics

What work we're planning on doing

Victor led the discussion with a reporting of what work we're planning on doing. He said that the first phase of a Site Reassessment is designed to collect already available information, including nearby population information, aerial photos, previous sampling results, etc. The second phase would include collecting samples to better characterize the source areas and determine if waste is migrating off site. Victor stated that we're planning on doing a combined Site Assessment/ Removal Assessment at the site, to ensure that any immediate remedial needs are addressed. A final report would be generated after all work is done, but there will likely be interim reports after the first phase and development of a sampling plan.

Community Involvement

We asked Virginia (as someone close to the community) what type of community involvement she thinks the community wants. She believes that it is better to have the community involved. She has been in discussions with the Mayor and City Council and recommended that we discuss the site with them sooner rather than later. She asked that EPA have a point of contact so local leaders can contact us, and Victor said that he and Rob would be the best POCs.

Redevelopment During Assessment

There was a question about what if the operator begins to redevelop/resume operations at the site during this process. We responded by saying that investigation does not impede redevelopment. If redevelopment were to occur during our investigation, with good communication, we're able to sample around redevelopment activities.

Timing?

We didn't commit to a shorter timeline than approximately one year to complete the assessment. We did commit to keeping Sen Tester's staff up to date as we progress.

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